

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
NOBUHIRO IKEDA) : Examiner: D. Swerdlow
Application No.: 09/977,701) : Group Art Unit: 2615
Filed: October 16, 2001) :
For: CENTRAL MANAGEMENT) :
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RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Advisory Action dated October 24, 2006 in the above-identified application, for which a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith.

The Advisory Action indicates that the restriction requirement issued in the Office Action dated July 7, 2006 is maintained. However, Applicant notes that the reasoning presented in the Advisory Action is directed to the claims as pending prior to the Amendment After Final Rejection dated October 10, 2006, as the Advisory Action indicates that the amendments therein were not entered.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the restriction requirement upon entry of the amendments pursuant to 37 C.F.R § 1.114, with the entry of the RCE. In particular, Applicant believes that the amendments obviate the restriction requirement. Accordingly, withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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